

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. Project title:

Livable Communities Consortium

2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):

Policy Consensus Initiative

PO Box 1762

Portland, OR 97207

3. Contact information

- a. **Project's primary contact:** Greg Wolf
- b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 503-725-9079
- c. **Email Address:** sarah @policyconsensus.org
- d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address):

4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.

The Policy Consensus Initiative (PCI) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization located in Portland, OR. We are dedicated to assisting leaders in developing pioneering, collaborative solutions to the problems they face in their communities. PCI is chaired by a Board of Directors, including state and local leaders, who believe that new systems of collaborative governance - public, private, non-profit sectors jointly creating and implementing solutions - will most successfully address today's public issues. We serve as a catalyst and a support for leaders who want to harness the power of collaboration and convene all sectors of their communities. We serve as a resource and an incubator for the development of nimble governance structures designed to solve problems through collaboration and creativity.

5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?

Private non-profit

6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development – HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

The Policy Consensus Initiative will create a *Livable Communities Consortium*, which will build a platform for state, local, and tribal governments to integrate their own efforts to create livable communities with the work being done at the federal level. The *Livable Communities Consortium* will provide multiple levels of government a location from which to coordinate efforts and to generate projects on the ground in communities. The *Northwest Consortium* would support two Livability HUBs (one at PSU and a second at the William D. Ruckelshaus Center at UW/WSU) focused initially on the Portland Metro and Puget Sound regions and eventually other Northwest communities. These HUBs will give communities and federal agencies local resources to support innovation and collaborative activities following the Livability Principles established by the Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities. The *Consortium* will provide those governments a virtual and physical space with neutral collaborative staffing in a single location (HUBs) from which to coordinate efforts and to generate community projects with both regional and national implications. This project is the type of programming that can be housed in the new Oregon Sustainability Center building.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project provides the necessary integration of federal, state and local government to create sustainable development, affordable communities, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and more transit-accessible housing choices. The Consortium will provide the place where integrated plans – across agencies, departments, and jurisdictions – can inform state, regional and local decisions on how and where to locate investments and implement on-the-ground projects. The Consortium will accelerate and streamline state and local projects, allowing these projects and therefore jobs to happen more quickly, putting people to work and achieving the goals of the Livability Partnership.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project:

\$600,000

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Staff salary – 2.0 FTE - \$200,000 over 3 year period

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$1,270,000

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?

Yes - \$200,000 – would be used to create a minimal staff for the Livability Consortium (2.0 FTE) during a one year period

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

Portland State University - \$50,000

National Policy Consensus Center - \$20,000

During the three year period, we will be able to match federal funding (\$200,000 per year) with funding provided to Oregon Solutions to implement sustainable projects in Oregon communities

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

US Environmental Protection Agency supports this project through donated staff time

Portland State University

Oregon Transportation Commission

William D. Ruckelshaus Center

Association of Oregon Counties

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department

Portland Housing Bureau

Metro Council

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